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Patient Well-Being

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Progress in anything depends upon having bright, trained minds of men and women tackling problems. For years the ACS has conducted training and fellowship programs to support and help attract young people into cancer research, treatment and care, programs made all the more important because of recent federal cutbacks on training programs.

Says Dr. Lewis Thomas of Memorial Sloan-Kettering: Cancer research now is attracting more bright young investigators who no longer regard cancer as a hopeless cause. There are all kinds of possibilities now of approaching cancer. Now the idea is, we can get handholds on it."

Promise Land Men's Day Program

The twenty-eight annual Men's Day program was held last Sunday evening at 3 p.m. with Deacon William Hancock president of the local Club serving as master of ceremony. The Rev. J. W. Paige and his male chorus were the special guest. The following program was enjoyed by the entire audience: A call to worship, master of ceremony; Opening selection, male chorus of Mount Shiloh Church of Monroe, Va.; Scripture, Mr. Chester Pettigrew; prayer, Deacon Clarence Wheeler; Selection, Male Chorus; Words of Welcome, Deacon Robert G. Fleshman; Greetings, from local Men Clubs; Presentation of Speaker, Rev. R. Q. Lawing; Sermon, Rev. J. W. Paige; Selection, male chorus; Offering, Deacons Henry L. Fleshman, Thomas Thornton and James Pannell; Remarks, pastor; Benediction, Rev. Paige. Refreshments were served by the ladies club of the church.

All officers, members and friends are invited to attend the regular monthly meeting tonight of the Appomattox Assembly. The meeting will begin at 7:30, business of importance will be discussed.

A very large crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral rites of the late Mr. Anderson Haskins last Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Springfield Church cemetery. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Sr. officated and delivered the eulogy. Prayer was given by the Rev. J. P. Rose, pastor of the church. Tributes were given by Rev. James Franklin and Mr. Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools. The floral designs were in large numbers. West Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Ida B. Elliott, wife of the Rev. C. L. Elliott was rushed to the Lynchburg General Marshall Hospital early Saturday morning, for special treatment and observation. She is improving nicely.

All members and friends are invited to attend regular service at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 A.M. The choirs will render special Christmas music.

Mrs. Alice LeGrande of the Promise Land community is improving slowly at her home.

Mrs. Eloise Robinson is under going special treatment at the University Hospital in Charlottesville, Va. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

A large crowd attended the monthly meeting of the NAACP last Monday evening at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Hixburg, Va. The January meeting will be held at the Zion Baptist Church in January, Monday after the second Sunday in January.

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The Pastor Speaks

"Only A Few Shopping Days Left Till Christmas"
Wed. 12 de Dec.

The countdown in the newspaper has begun. Right there, on the front page, with all the headlines about murders hostages, presidential campaigns, there is the box. It tells how many days are left.

We have almost always regarded Christmas as a season of joy of the expression of brotherly love, of warmth and of course, family. The carols played over loudspeakers in the streets, the lights on the decorations sparkle, the shopping centers are absolutely congested. **Be Happy** is the watchword of the day. We greet each other, and total strangers, with crys of "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year". After all behind the Santa Clauses, the bright decorations of red and green, there is the story of the birth of the Christ child, the shepherds, the angels with their strange sign (in a manager-in a feedbox???) We even add on the story of the wisemen even if that didn't really occur until several years later, after Christ's birth. God incarnate! What Joy!!!

What joy? There is another side to the Christmas story aside we tend to overlook, a side completely opposite to joy, peace on earth, family warmth, glowing relationships. God became flesh in a violent age, one almost as violent as our own. Jesus was born into a poor family, in a repressed land, ruled by a cruel and crooked tyrant, despised and feared. If you have read all of the second chapter of Matthew instead of just the story of the birth and then you know what happened. Herod heard the wisemen's account of their journey and the star and in that account perceived a threat to his reign. So after the wisemen left by another way, Herod sent soldiers into Bethlehem and slaughtered all the boys aged two and under in Bethlehem and the neighborhood. Christmas is not always the season of joy we would like it to be. Violence, senseless slaughter is still with us, nationally, internationally, and even locally.

There are those among us who cry for lost loved ones and are not comforted. There are those for whom Christmas is the worst time of the year because of the memories of Christmas past. The fuss the gaiety, the music the colored all serve as painful reminders of their loss, their loneliness, their sorrow. Christmas can be a real downer. You may not be aware of it, but experts predict that 33,000 persons will attempt suicide this Christmas season, people who do not see this season as one of joy, peace, love and hope.

Of course, Christmas, the real gift of God, is a joyous thing to the eyes of faith. Still, it might be better, wiser not to be so glib in our greetings, assuming that everyone feels like we do, and be a little more sensitive to the feelings of others, respecting their grief, not judging, but loving. Pain is pain. People don't want to feel this way. They just do. We could help alleviate the loneliness that plagues older people all the time, but especially at Christmas. Our society, our advertising media stresses the happiness, the joy of the season. We recognize that it does not always work out that way. But we as instruments of God's love can help, we will think of Christmas as a time to give, and not just presents.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace...

Rev. Peter Hale
Walker's Presbyterian Church
Appomattox Court House
Presbyterian Church

The Bible And Daily Living

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

LORD OF ALL LIFE?
Lesson for December 16, 1979
Scripture Reference: Col. 3:1-4 ; 5
Focal Passage: Col. 3:1-14
Going After The Best

As Christians, do we ever reach sainthood during our earthly pilgrimage? Not likely, although some people come rather close. The important issue for Christians is persistent striving to allow Christ to influence all areas of life. If Christ is our life, then he must have supreme authority in all aspects of living.

We sometimes compartmentalize Christ and convince ourselves that he is Lord over our lives. For example, Christ is to be supreme in both public and private life. He is to be Lord of the factory as well as the church, and as much concerned over the political and social realms of life as he is the spiritual realms of life.

The current U.S. and Iranian crisis raises our anxiety and concern. At this moment we see our world dangling at the end of a lighted fuse, and we wonder how long we have before the whole darn thing blows up! In both our private lives and in the public arena Christ is to be supremely recognized.

Paul says something profoundly important to the Colossian Christians, and to us. His basic premise in Col. 3:1-4 is that we live more authentically our own life when we refer everything to motives which are centered in Christ. The authority of Christ emancipates us from a preoccupation with trivialities or a preoccupation with living life in the atmosphere of Christian ethics.

Getting Rid Of Excess Baggage

In Col. 3:5-11, Paul advocates getting rid of "outworn garments" and putting on newer ones. Most of us carry around excess emotional and spiritual baggage, that is, our forward pilgrimage is hindered by outworn and outmoded ideas and traditions.

Paul urges all Christians to rid themselves of those lusts of the flesh, anger, a spewing selfishness that shuts all others out. Some people live in such a manner as if to say, "I am Lord." Some look upon money in such a manner as if to say that "Money is Lord." Some even argue that the "Nation is the Lord."

But there is no Lord other than the Christ. The Ayatollah of Iran has set himself up to be recognized as supreme ruler for all time. His mortal body will face the grave, just as it will for all mortals. And there will be no resurrection for the Ayatollah.

So the question is: Who's got you? To whom do you bend the knee? What or whom do you obey supremely? If we can ever answer these questions in the light of our Lord, Christ Jesus, then all other parts of the puzzle will begin to fall into place. Until the issue of Christ' Lordship is settled in our life, nothing is settled.

Putting On The Best

After getting rid of our "excess baggage" and those sins which bog our pilgrimage down, we are to "pick up new orders." We are to put on a new self, divinely formed, functioning on a level where distinctions of class, culture, and race are unimportant. Afterall, the church is called upon to minister to all people, regardless of who they are.

Paul defines these "new qualities" in terms of kindness, tolerance, forgiveness, and love, "which binds everything together in perfect harmony." All of this is simply an echo of Paul's affimsation in II Cor. 5:17. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he (or she) is of a new creation: old things naturally pass away and are replaced with new" (author's paraphrase).

Paul's thinking is on this order. The Christian has died with Christ and that means the abondonment of negative living; and that the Christian has also risen with Christ, and that implies the adoption of positive living.

This Sunday marks the third Sunday in the Advent season. This is a time to renew our commitments to Christ and his Lordship over our lives. The following is my prayer for each of you at this special season.

O God of peace in this special season of Advent and Nativity revisited, some of us struggle to capture the spirit of Christmas in ways that leave us sagging and unfulfilled. Lord, how we have worked, worked, the hours we've toiled, the investment of emotional energies, the pace we have kept that leave us now exhausted. Yet we are waiting, hoping, and expecting a word from you that will give us a star to follow. Lord, we wait for a rebirth of wonder, for a sense of awe, for some magnificant moment or moments for dull hours and days. Come now, Lord, and fill our cups, if not full, then at least enough so that we may taste and glimpse what it means to be like Jesus and to know that in your sight, we're O.K. Amen.

Dr. Timyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin City, Va.

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HOLLYWOOD

Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me, Matthew 25:40.

Dear Lord who reached out to touch every lepers, reach out through each of us today to some one who needs your touch.

There will be a Christmas program presented at Hollywood Church Saturday night, Dec. 15th at 7:30 o'clock. You are invited to come enjoy the program and fellowship with the people at Hollywood.

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions was observed Thursday evening at Hollywood Church. We are very happy and thankful that Hollywood Church more than met its goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. There was a good attendance. A fine program was presented and everyone enjoyed the social hour afterwards.

There are still a lot of our Hollywood people on the sick list. Our prayers are with each of these. It was good to see Mr. Billy Franklin at church Sunday after his recent accident.

We were very sorry to hear of the death last week of Mrs. W. H. Elder's aunt, Miss Clara Dudley of Lynchburg. Our love and sympathy is extended to each of her love ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Nelson of Roanoke visited their aunt, Mrs. Ruth Watson and family Monday. Mr. L. H. Watson Jr. of Alexandria visited his parents Thursday. Mr. Alfred Almond was a visitor in this home last week.

Mrs. Billy INge visited Mrs. Mary Bagby, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson and Mrs. Myrtle Smith Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Inge and Mrs. Billy Inge were visitors in the W. H. Wingfield home Thursday.

Mrs. Claude Hamlett of Hurt visited her mother, Mrs. Virgie Beasley at the nursing home Friday.

Mrs. Ellcitt Torrence visited her aunt, Mrs. Edna Covington Tuesday morning. Mrs. Ruby Woodall, Mrs. Judy Conner, Mrs. Bob McWilliams and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Smith were visitors last week of Mrs. Covington.

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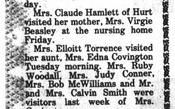

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Mrs. Delorious Wingfield and Stuart spent the weekend in Newport News with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Mayberry and grandmother, Mrs. Ioan Mayberry.

Rev. and Mrs. Dan Menser, and Mr. J. A. Woodall visited Mr. Kenneth Deanes of Lynchburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Woodall were visitors last week of Mrs. Lizzie Weedy, Miss Minnie Tweedy, Mrs. Annie Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Peckerevall of Lynchburg. They visited their aunt, Mrs. Mary Bagby Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Joyce Webb spent a few days last week in Lynchburg with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woodson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Smith were visitors Saturday night of Mrs. Mary Bagby. Visiting Mrs. Bagby during the week were Rev. and Mrs. Dan Menser, Mrs. Shirley Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond, Mrs. Charles Garrett, Mrs. Arlie Maxwell, Mrs. Myrtle Jennings, Mr. John Goin, Mrs. Delorious Wingfield and Stuart, Mr. Joe Goin and granddaughter, Mrs. Betty Maxwell, Mrs. Delorious Deaner and Mr. Jim Woodall.

Alabama Baptist Church

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

The program that was held Sunday night at theAlabama Baptist Church for the sick and shut-in was a great, great success. The program was sponsored by the Holiness Gospel Singers along with Mr. Hyiner Haskin, husband of Mrs. Catherine Haskins, The wish to thank each group for coming and helping us with this program. Upon song, Silent Night; Music by Mrs. Mattie Watson of New Store Baptist Church. Scripture, Mrs. Alice Moore. Prayer, Rev. H. O. Flood. Groups, Holiness Gospel Singers, Men Chorus and Gospel Quintet of Pamplin, Va. Organ music, Miss Antionette Wiley, Rock of Ages, Gospel Harmonettes, Miss Christine Abbitt. Solo's, Mrs. Connie Wesley. A Solo. A large crowd attended the program. Finances were exactly

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We Holiness Gospel Singers thank each and every one for coming out to help us make this program a success. May God Bless each and everyone of you.

Hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Nyear.

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Veterans News

A number of elderly Veterans Administration pensioners may be short changing themselves because they haven't reported all their 1978 medical expenses, VA said today.

They have only until December 31 to advise VA of these expenses or lose forever pension money to which they are entitled, warned VA Regional Director W. H. Highfill, Jr.

The pensioners are primarily veterans or their survivors who chose at the end of 1978 to remain under what is now called the "old" VA pension plan because it was to their advantage to do so. Highfill said, pension rates were then frozen at the end of the year.

A smaller group of pension recipients chose to switch to a more recent plan which offers higher rates to some pensioners, depending on individual circumstances.

The law permits members of either group to advise VA by the end of 1979 of any previously unreported medical expenses they had during 1978.

By taking these expenses into account, VA can increase the amount of pension the individual receives, Highfill said.

Approximately 15 percent of the 1.5 million veterans and survivors enrolled in the old pension plan have neglected to report all their medical expenses for last year according to a recent survey by the agency.

VA estimates the potential loss to a pension recipient could run as high as $100 a month.

Highfill said persons enrolled under the old plan who find they did not report all 1978 medical expenses may report these to any VA regional office.

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Who Pays the Cost of Shoplifting? You Do!

Shoplifting is not just a problem for retailers. It's your problem, too, says Virginia Tech researcher Kitty Dickerson.

Dickerson, assistant professor of clothing, textiles, and related art in Tech's College of Home Economics, says shoplifting is a major problem which affects consumers through increased prices, and retailers through decreased profits.

Retailers, she says, are acutely aware of the shoplifting problem and how it affects them, "but it appears that the general consumer population is less aware of how they are affected by the shoplifting epidemic."

Not only do consumers have to pay for shoplifting costs through higher prices on every product, but each time they purchase an item, they are also paying the costs of shoplifting prevention. This includes extra security personnel and security devices.

In 1975, Dickerson says, based on a 240-day business year, retailers lost $27 million a day through shoplifting.

"The FBI," Dickerson points out, "regards crimes against retailers as the fastest growing larceny in the nation."

How many people are potential shoplifters? A surprising number are, Dickerson says.

Management Safeguards, Inc., a New York based security and protection company, found that when they followed 500 random shoppers entering a Manhattan store, one out of every 12 lifted at least one item, Dickerson explains. Studies in other cities showed similar results.

With so many people out there shoplifting it would seem that other honest shoppers would take some notice, but Dickerson says that several studies have shown this is not the case.

In one study, she says, researchers staged blatant shopliftings to determine how readily other shoppers noticed the incidents. They found that other shoppers rarely noticed, even though the shoplifters often reached directly in front of the shopper and stuffed items into a purse. Only 28 percent of the shoppers exposed to the shoplifting appeared to notice it.

The researchers, Dickerson says, concluded that shoppers have a trance-like absorption in the task of shopping.

They also found that unlike other crimes in which a bystander may go to the aid of a victim, there is little concern for a corporate victim such as a large store.

Many consumers., Dickerson explains, do not realize that most retailers pass on shoplifting losses in the form of higher prices. Consumers appear to show little concern over shoplifting and often exhibit neutral or even proshoplifting attitudes.

"Successful shoplifting may even be a part of initiation into high school clubs. Like many teenagers, some housewives consider shoplifting a thrill or a relief from boredom," Dickerson says.

"Sometimes," she added, "it is used to stretch one's personal or family budget. Adults often rationalize their shoplifting by expressing annoyance at the store because of high prices, long lines and rude sales clerks."

Retailers, Dickerson says, are finding that a "get-tough" policy is becoming effective, in contrast to former tolerant attitudes in which businesses feared offending would-be customers.

"If the general public were to become genuinely concerned about shoplifting and would share some of the new militant spirit of retailers, perhaps the losses could be lessened," Dickerson points out.

"Non-shoplifting consumers need to recognize that shoplifting is a crime, in which they personally are the victims," she concludes.

Primary School Menu

Mon., Dec. 17-Corn Dogs, string beans, macaroni salad, fruit and milk.
Tues., Dec. 18-Spaghetti, tossed salad, cheese squares, roll, butter, milk, fruit.
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